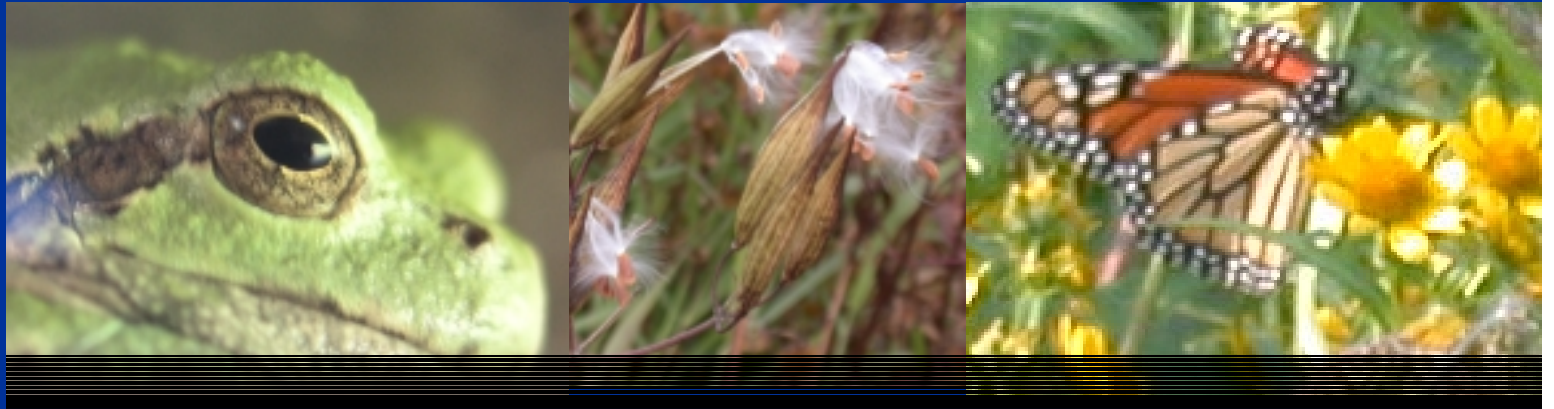


# Wisconsin Wetland Compensatory Mitigation

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Overview of the WDNR Review Process  
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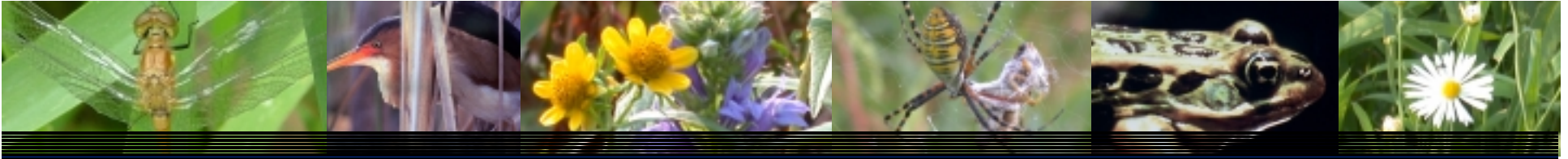
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## How Are Compensatory Mitigation Projects Approved?

- Role of the Water Management Specialist (Permit Reviewer)
- Role of the Wetland Ecologist
- Role of Applicant/Consultant



## WDNR Staff

Water Management  
Experts – Field Office

Wetland Ecologists –  
Central Office (Madison)





## Water Management Specialist

- Initial point of contact
- Determines compliance with NR103
- Determines if compensatory mitigation should be considered



## Wetland Ecologist

- Point of contact for compensatory mitigation project
- Responsible for ensuring that the mitigation project complies with NR 350
- Approves compensatory mitigation plans
- Oversees monitoring and long-term management of project sites



## Compensatory Mitigation Project Review Process – Initial Consultation

- **Applicant/Consultant**
  - Describes project, location, wetland acres affected, alternatives analysis
- **Water Management Specialist**
  - Makes preliminary determination of compliance
  - Determines whether compensatory mitigation can be considered in decision process
  - Explains compensatory mitigation general requirements



## Wetland Ecologist

- Guides Applicant/Consultant
- *Guidelines for Wetland Compensatory Mitigation in Wisconsin*
- Applicant checklist
- Website:  
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/fhp/wetlands/mitigation/index.shtml>



## Applicant/Consultant

In a timely manner, provides additional information, plan revisions, legal documents



## Wetland Ecologist

- Reviews compensatory mitigation plan for completeness
- Determines if permits are required for mitigation project
- Informs WMS of approval & conditions



## Water Management Specialist

Issues permit with conditions  
only after Wetland Ecologist approves  
compensatory mitigation



## Wetland Ecologist

- Oversees construction, monitoring, maintenance and long-term management





## Summary

- Water Management Specialist is the initial contact for the permit
  - Regional
- Wetland Ecologist is the contact for the mitigation project review
  - Central office
- Applicant or consultant is responsible for providing permit and mitigation information requested

Questions?

